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VIRTUAL MEETING – Tuesday February 15, 2022, 4:30pm

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ASL interpreters provided

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Please note: all times listed below are approximate

1. Call to order, instructions for virtual meeting, introductions	4:30-4:40
2. Approval of January 18, 2022 minutes	4:40-4:45
3. Conversation with Evelyn Darling, Worcester Business Improvement District (BID) https://www.downtownworchester.org	4:45-5:30
4. Legislative update H.2419, H.2420, and S.1629, “An Act building a more accessible Massachusetts,” filed by Representatives Barber and Moran, and Senator Moore. These bills will significantly expand housing options for people with disabilities and seniors, as well as ensure workplace accessibility and reduce workplace discrimination against people with disabilities (Joe Bellil)	5:30-5:35
5. Conversation with David Gasser & Maritza Crossen, Citizens Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA) https://www.chapa.org https://www.massaccesshousingregistry.org https://search.housingnavigatorma.org	5:35-6:15
6. Review of requested data on accessible units from Worcester Housing Authority	6:15-6:25
7. Notice: MA COVID-19 vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine clinics and vaccine information: https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine Need an ASL Interpreter? To request interpreter/ accommodation call Michelle at 774-303-6976 or email mortizocasio.socialwork@gmail.com <div style="text-align: right;">→</div>	6:25-6:25

8. Review of AAB notices and applications: (No City owned properties) <u>Decision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Learning First Charter School, 50 Richland St. (V21-155) 	6:25-6:25
9. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items	6:25-6:30
10. Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Accessibility Advisory Commission virtual meeting: March 15, 2022 - 4:30pm • WRTA Transportation Advisory Planning Group – February 16, 2022 – 1:00 – 3:30pm Emergency Preparedness Tip: Pack an emergency “Go Pack” with essential life-saving items such as medications and store several gallons of water/person at home. Click here for a list of items and other helpful tips: https://www.ready.gov/	6:30

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